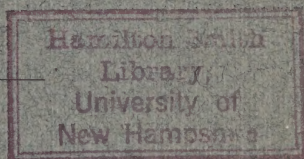


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TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICERS BIENNIALY ELECTED

Moderator

Henry L. Burbeck

Representative to General Court

Hayford Battles

Supervisors of Check List

Ira M. Downing

William M. Steven

Charles H. Hoyt

OFFICERS ANNUALLY ELECTED

Selectmen

John F. Germundson

Arthur E. Abbott

George S. Rowe

Treasurer

John E. Hayford

Tax Collector

David F. Wilder

Auditors

John M. T. Currier

Clarence E. Stafford

Trustees of the Gale Library

John M. T. Currier

John G. Rowe

John F. Germundson

Constable

Lewis E. Bailey

Board of Education

Mary E. Rowe

Elvira R. Dart

Elmer E. Butler

Board of Health

John F. Axtell

Charles Dart

Elmore C. Darbe

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Newton, qualified to vote
in Town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Auditors, Road Commissioners, Trustees of Public Library, Constables, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber, Health Officers, Fence Viewers, and all other necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for paying the town debts and defraying the interest thereon, for the support and maintenance of the Public Library, and for other necessary charges arising in said town.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25 for Memorial Day purposes.

4. To hear the reports of the Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen to the Town Auditors, the reports of the Auditors, Agents, Committees, or other officers heretofore chosen or appointed, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

6. To choose three trustees to care for trust funds.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the extermination of brown tail and gypsy moths.

8. To see if the town will elect three cemetery trustees.

9. To see if the town will accept state aid and raise \$822 for roads.

10. To raise extra highway money for state aid maintenance.

11. To see if the town will vote to place an electric light at Israel Ingalls' corner and make appropriation for the same.

12. To see if the town will vote to exempt Newton Box Co., at Newton Junction from taxes for a term of five years.

13. To see if the town will vote to extend the street lights from Sargent's corner to Flemings corner.

14. To see if the town will vote to ditch Mrs. E. B. Hoyt's meadow.

15. To see if the town will vote to build a suitable place for the protection of the town records.

16. To see if the town will vote to buy proper heating apparatus for the Town Hall.

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 24th day of February, A. D., 1917.

JOHN F. GERMUNDSON,
ARTHUR E. ABBOTT,
GEORGE S. ROWE

Selectmen of Newton.

A true copy of Warrant. Attest:

JOHN F. GERMUNDSON,
ARTHUR E. ABBOTT,
GEORGE S. ROWE

Selectmen of Newton.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Land and buildings	\$447,558.00
Horses	11,895.00
Cows	5,370.00
Neat Stock	110.00
Sheep	8.00
Hogs	9,030.00
Fowls	399.00
Automobiles	8,950.00
Portable mills	300.00
Wood and lumber	14,640.00
Money on hand	2,228.00
Stock in trade	22,794.00
Machinery	25,450.00
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Total	\$548,732.00
Valuation of Soldier's property, exempt	\$12,231.00
Valuation of Fire District	\$147,145.00
Committed to Collector	103.58
Rate 75c on \$1,000.00	

APPROPRIATIONS

Town Charges	500.00
Memorial Day	25.00
Public Library	175.00
Road machine	125.00
Cemetery	100.00
Brown Tails	100.00
State Road	739.50
State Road Maintenance	250.00

Repairs on Town Hall.....	500.00
Street lighting.....	1,800.00
Highway money by law.....	1,371.71
State Tax.....	802.50
County tax.....	942.23

SCHOOLS

Textbook and Supplies.....	130.00	
Tuition.....	720.00	
Flags.....	7.00	
Repairs.....	250.00	
School Board and other officers	80.00	
School Money by law.....	802.50	
Overlay.....	86.32	
Extra school money.....	1,110.98	
Total.....		\$10,617.74
261 Polls.....	\$522.00	

Tax assessed on property	10,095.74	\$10,617.74
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MONEY RECEIVED BY SELECTMEN

From Leroy Colby, for dead horse.....	1.00
From Charles Thornell, for lamps.....	.75
From John M. T. Currier, for lamps.....	.50
From County of Rockingham..	548.24
From I. M. Heath, Rebate on Insurance.....	2.00
From Mass. Northeastern St. Ry. Co. Snow bill.....	42.50
From State Highway Depart- ment, bal. on last year.....	13.72
From Forest Commission.....	22.61
From Town of Brentwood....	3.85

From A. E. Abbott, for lamps.	.50	
From State Insurance Tax....	4.50	
From Railroad Tax.....	445.14	
From Savings Bank tax.....	46.50	
From literary fund.....	104.19	
From school fund.....	270.00	
From John Scott, rent of Town		
Hall.....	57.50	
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Total.....		\$1,563.50

EXPENDITURES

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

School money by law.....	802.50	
Textbooks and supplies.....	130.00	
Tuition.....	720.00	
Flags.....	7.00	
Repairs.....	250.00	
School Board and other officers	80.00	
Extra school money.....	1,110.98	
Literary fund.....	104.19	
Proportion of school fund....	270.00	
Unexpended dog money.....	146.84	
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		\$3,621.51

HIGHWAYS

Paid Northeast Metal Culvert		
Company.....	95.20	
A. D. Marden sharpening		
picks and drills.....	.90	
New England Road Ma-		
chinery Company.....	150.00	

By selectmen's orders:	
Paid W. A. Snow.....	62.10
W. J. Merrifield.....	35.00
Edgar Estes	9.03
John F. Germundson.....	68.50
James W. Carter.....	23.80
Tom Moran.....	1.00
E. L. Kelley.....	33.40
George Hatch.....	18.55
Clarence Kelley.....	6.00
Ben Moran.....	11.55
Charles Hoyt.....	50.00
George Cotton.....	3.00
Merrill Germundson.....	2.75
Melvin Peaslee.....	7.00
Andrew Simes.....	7.50
James L. Bartlett.....	25.00
Harold B. Warren.....	12.00
Walter P. Emery, gravel	5.00
William L. Frost, sharpen- ing picks.....	.50

\$627.78

GEORGE S. ROWE, AGENT

Paid George S. Rowe.....	\$173.65
William S. Bailey.....	9.90
E. W. Collins.....	53.20
Andrew Simes	7.30
F. E. Nutter.....	28.25
George Gould.....	71.00
O. R. Currier.....	35.00
Joseph Hoyt.....	15.00
Russell Dame.....	2.50
J. E. Whidden.....	5.00
George Greenleaf.....	20.00

Melvin Bagley.....	3.00
Ralph Stillings.....	2.00
W. Emery, gravel.....	.60
George Cotton, gravel...	.80
E. W. Collins, gravel....	1.40
Arthur E. Abbott, gravel.	1.50

\$430.10

E. W. SILLOWAY

Paid E. W. Silloway.....	\$149.50
Melvin Peaslee.....	81.00
Gus Gale.....	38.25
George Gilmore.....	.40
Albert Webster.....	1.10
W. L. Frost, sharpening picks.....	1.00
J. Bartlett, with team..	10.00
C. Chrigstrom, with team	10.00
Will Merrifield with team	14.00
E. W. Silloway, railing and posts.....	3.36
E. W. Silloway, spikes...	.30
E. W. Silloway, 2 round handled shovels.....	1.20
C. Tracy.....	4.00
W. Bartlett, labor for bridge..	1.50
Nathan Marsh.....	14.00
E. L. Kelley.....	11.00
John Kimball.....	2.00
Cylon Elwell.....	.50
Joe Keniston.....	2.00

\$345.11

SNOW BILLS

Paid George S. Rowe.....	\$148.50
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E. W. Silloway	68.85	
By selectmen's orders . . .	170.95	
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		\$388.30
Received of Mass. Northeastern		
St. Ry. Co.		42.50
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		\$345.80

TOWN POOR

EUGENE SOVEN

Paid Geo. S. Rowe, groceries . .	84.13	
John F. Axtell	12.00	
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		\$96.13

TRAMPS

Paid W. W. Wilder, tramp		
house	\$100.00	
John Scott, 108 tramps at		
15 cents	16.20	
R. W. Marden, wood . . .	5.00	
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		\$121.20
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		\$217.33

COUNTY POOR

AUSTIN GILLISPIE

Paid Hiram O. Durgin, rent . .	31.50	
George S. Rowe, wood . .	6.75	
John F. Axtell medical at-		
tendance	47.50	
Wilder and Son, groceries	40.42	
A. P. Brewer, provisions .	20.54	
Due from county last year	35.00	
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		\$181.71
Received from county		\$181.71

TOWN OFFICERS

Paid John F. Germundson, Se-		
lectman.....	\$100.00	
Arthur E. Abbott, select-		
man.....	50.00	
George S. Rowe selectman	50.00	
E. M. Bartlett, election		
Inspector.....	7.50	
Arthur A. Dow, election		
Inspector.....	7.50	
George S. Smith, Election		
Inspector	7.50	
John Scott, inspector....	2.50	
William M. Stevens, super-		
visor.....	25.00	
Ira M. Downing, supervis-		
or.....	25.00	
Charles H. Hoyt, super-		
visor.....	25.00	
Henry L. Burbeck, moder-		
ator.....	15.00	
J. W. Locke, police.....	12.50	
Lewis E. Bailey, police ..	8.00	
Hayford Battles, town		
clerk.....	40.00	
John E. Hayford, treas-		
urer.....	40.00	
D. F. Wilder, collector...	130.75	
Charles Thornell, dog po-		
lice.....	8.41	
		\$554.66

THE GALE LIBRARY

Appropriation.....	\$175.00
Paid John G. Rowe, Treasurer	
of Library Trustees ...	175.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation.....	\$25.00
Paid C. R. Mudge Post.....	25.00

TOWN HALL

Paid Exeter and Hampton Elec- tric Light Co.,.....	\$33.58	
E. H. Nichols wood.....	22.25	
James W. Carter, mowing ing lawn.....	.75	
John LeFavor, wood....	6.00	
I. M. Heath, insurance..	40.00	
John Dalton, wood.....	6.00	
John Scott, janitor.....	49.75	
	<hr/>	\$158.33

TOWN HALL REPAIRS

Appropriation.....		\$500.00
J. A. Kennedy, decorating and painting.....	\$292.00	
J. A. Kennedy, repairing chimneys.....	18.00	
Ira M. Downing, repairing blinds and exp.....	1.75	
D. D. Chase Lumber Co., shingles, lumber and doors.....	27.73	
James Myrick, shingling .	12.88	
Frank E. Tucker, furnish- ings for selectmen's room.....	58.65	
To balance left over.....	88.99	
	<hr/>	\$500.00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Paid John F. Axtell, fumigating		
Huntress house.....	\$6.00	
John F. Axtell, D. F. Wild-		
er and A. W. Hoyt house	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$10.00

FOREST FIRES

Paid George S. Rowe.....	\$52.43
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DEPENDENT SOLDIERS

Due from County last year...	\$40.50	
Paid Sargent Coal Co.....	52.25	
Newton Box Co.....	14.53	
George S. Rowe.....	42.00	
Davis and Avery	19.00	
John F. Axtell.....	102.75	
John Dalton.....	15.00	
Sumner Hoyt.....	1.00	
Wilder and Son.....	71.00	
J. W. Locke.....	8.50	
	<hr/>	\$366.53
Received from the County..		\$366.53

JANITOR'S ACCOUNT

Opening hall, 34 times.....	\$34.00	
Opening hall, 13 times.....	3.25	
March Town Meeting.....	2.50	
September Primary Election..	2.50	
November election.....	2.50	
Working on grounds.....	3.00	
Sawing 4 cords of wood.....	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$49.75
Paid John Scott.....		\$49.75

MISCELLANEOUS

Paid John F. Germundson, dis- tributing reports.....	3.00
John F. Germundson, time and expense to Ports- mouth.....	4.91
John F. Germundson, mak- ing out inventories....	4.00
Arthur E. Abbott, time and expense to Ports- mouth.....	4.91
Dr Henderson, killing horse.....	2.00
I. M. Heath, printing town reports.....	45.00
Mary T. Veal, watering trough, 1915-1916	6.00
John F. Germundson, dis- tributing inventories...	5.00
Frank Bradley, cleaning vault at Town Hall..	1.50
D. E. Currier, advice....	5.00
John F. Germundson, paid interest on note.....	3.42
L. W. Bradley, freight...	2.03
E. C. Eastman, Invoice..	12.00
E. C. Eastman, postage..	.05
E. C. Eastman, tax-book.	2.15
Ira Downing, sharpening lawn mower and pick- handles.....	2.10
Melvin Peaslee, working on lawn at Library.....	2.50
Lottie M. Germundson, 12 dinners, Primaries.....	15.00

Lottie M. Germundson, 12 dinner, 12 suppers el- ections.....	21.50
Edson C. Eastman, books for town clerk.....	3.86
James W. Carter, cleaning lockup.....	2.00
I. M. Heath, tax bills and check list.....	12.75
James P. Meltzer, dog li- cense and jury notices..	2.10
I, M. Heath, order blanks	3.50
Henry M. Greene, driving hearse.....	16.50
Wilder and Son, supplies.	21.93
Edward Hayford and Son, lumber for tomb.....	.39
Hayford Battles, recording births, deaths and mar- riages.....	4.50
Hayford Battles, postage.	1.56
John F. Axtell, recording births and deaths.....	5.25
John F. Germundson, time and expense to Concord	7.05
John F. Germundson, time collecting interest on trust fund.....	3.16
John F. Germundson time, to Portsmouth.....	4.80
Arthur E. Abbott, labor and hardware.....	4.75
J. F. Germundson, tele- phone and car fare....	1.60

John L. Pressey, watering trough.....	3.00	
Charles Thornell, watering trough.....	3.00	
J. F. Gemundson, putting down linoleum and cover- ing table.....	1.50	
John E. Hayford, postage	1.06	
	<hr/>	\$246.33

STREET LIGHT ACCOUNT

Balance from last year.....	\$1,386.21	
Amount raised.....	1,800.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,186.21
Paid Exeter and Hampton El- ectric Company.....	\$1,891.92	
Balance on hand.....	1,294.29	
	<hr/>	\$3,186.21

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS

Amount raised.....		\$100.00
Paid Clarence Kelley.....	\$18.75	
J. W. Carter.....	12.00	
Frank Bradley.....	15.00	
Stanley Bishop.....	8.00	
A. E. Locke.....	8.00	
Wilbur Sargent, teaming.	.50	
L. W. Bradley, freight...	.65	
Samuel Cabot, creosote..	7.00	
Balance left over.....	30.10	
	<hr/>	\$100.00

CEMETERY

Amount raised.....		\$100.00
Paid J. W. Carter.....	2.00	

Melvin Peaslee.....	3.00	
Andrew Simes.....	.50	
Balance left over.....	94.50	
	<hr/>	\$100.00

RECAPITULATION

Support of Schools.....	\$3,621.51	
Highways.....	1,402.99	
State Highway maintenance. .	225.60	
Snow bills.....	388.30	
Dependent Soldiers.....	326.03	
Town and County poor.....	364.04	
Town Officers.....	554.66	
Town Hall.....	569.34	
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths.	69.90	
The Gale Library.....	175.00	
Board of Health.....	10.00	
Memorial Day.....	25.00	
Cemetery.....	5.50	
Miscellaneous.....	246.33	
Street lighting.....	1,891.92	
Forest fires.....	52.43	
State tax.....	802.50	
County tax.....	942.23	
	<hr/>	\$11,673.28

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHWAY DEPT.

There was expended by the state	
for oil.....	\$204.00
Leaving available a balance of .	46.00

STATE HIGHWAY

Amount appropriated not ex-	
pended.....	\$739.50

STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE

Amount raised		\$250.00
Paid James W. Carter	\$6.00	
J. F. Germundson	54.00	
Edgar Estes	8.30	
Melvin Peaslee	25.00	
Andrew Simes	17.00	
E. L. Kelley	2.00	
William Merrifield	27.50	
James L. Bartlett	32.50	
Harold B. Warren	12.00	
W. P. Emery Gravel	5.00	
George S. Rowe	36.30	
Balance	24.40	
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		\$250.00

TRUST FUNDS

Rachel M. Fogg Fund Savings Bank, Exeter Book No. 14408		
January 1, 1917	\$118.48	
Paid John Hunt	4.03	
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		\$114.45
Albert E. Lewis Fund Institute for Savings, Amesbury, Mass. Book No. 34523		
October 15, 1916	\$111.03	
Paid John Hunt	4.28	
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		\$106.75
Annie S. Dalton Fund, Haver- hill Savings Bank Book, No. 53492		
October 20, 1916	\$104.55	

Paid John Hunt.....	4.55	
		\$100.00
Johanna Dalton Fund, Haverhill Savings Bank, Book No. 53277, Feb. 13, 1917.....	\$1,085.83	
George F. Battles Fund, Union Savings Bank, Exeter, N. H. Book 17551, Jan. 2, 1917...	101.46	

ABATEMENTS

John Harvey, over 70.....	\$2.00
M. P. Hatch, over 70.....	2.00
John S. Brown, over 70.....	2.00
Edward G. Kelley, over 70....	2.00
Leonard Marshall, dead.....	2.00
Mrs. J. W. Roiley, soldier's widow.....	16.56
Walter Emery, taxed in West Newbury.....	2.00
Edward Gleason, soldier.....	2.00
N. G. and N. S. Sleeper, error ..	2.58
Wm. Trudo, moved to Haverhill	6.60
Geo. Huntress, moved out of town.....	2.00
Clarence Tracey, moved to Haverhill.....	2.00
John Watson, out of town....	2.00
Mr. Bloomfield, unable to find him.....	1.84
Fred Peaslee, error.....	.92
Elmer Stevens, out of state. . .	2.00
Clarence Huntress, over tax...	1.84

\$52.34

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1916	DR.	
David F. Wilder.....		\$10,617.74
Additional taxes.....		31.00
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		\$10,648.74

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Abatements.....	\$52.34	
Discount.....	136.46	
Cash.....	\$10,459.94	\$10,648.74

1916	DR.	
David F. Wilder, fire tax.....		\$103.58

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Discount.....	\$1.98	
Cash.....	101.60	
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash on hand.....	\$2,713.22
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The Selectmen hired \$500.00 of Haverhill National Bank and paid the same, this does not appear in the receipt or disbursements.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. GERMUNDSON,
ARTHUR E. ABBOTT,
GEORGE S. ROWE.

Selectmen of Newton.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Newton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1917

We have this day examined the Account of the Selectmen and Treasurer and find the same correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers for all disbursements

JOHN M. T. CURRIER
CLARENCE E. STAFFORD,

Auditors.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Dog licenses issued, 60		
Received for licenses	\$142.33	
Reserved for fees	12.00	
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Received for Primary Election Fees		6.00
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Paid John E. Hayford, Treas.		\$136.63

HAYFORD BATTLES,

Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bal. from treasurer of 1915 . . .	\$2,243.10
Received of D. F. Wilder, Col.	10,459.94
Received of Selectmen	1,563.50
Received of town clerk, dog licenses	130.33
Received of D. F. Wilder, collector interest	12.59

Received of town clerk primary fees	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$14,415.46
Paid orders of Selectmen.....		\$11,673.28
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Balance, Cash on hand.....		\$2,742.18
Paid order No. 129 of 1915 to North East Metal Culvert Co. as per report of Feb. 1916...	\$28.96	
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		\$27,13.22
Reserved for lighting.....	\$1,294.29	
Reserved for state road.....	739.50	
Reserved dog license money...	130.33	
Working capital.....	549.10	
	<hr/>	\$2,713.22

PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Trustees of the Gale Public Library:

I herewith submit my annual report as Librarian of the Gale Public Library for year ending Feb. 15th, 1917

Whole number of volumes of books on library	2,600
Number added during year by purchase	88
Number of state books presented by state	12
Borrowers names on cards	368
Books loaned during year	4,348
Amount of fines collected	1.30
Paid for supplies	\$1.08

Balance paid to Trustees42
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EDWIN G. KELLEY,

Librarian.

THE GALE LIBRARY REPORT OF TRUSTEES

DR.

Bal. on hand, Feb. 15th, 1916	\$6.98	
Rec'd John E. Hayford, Town Treasurer	175.00	
	<hr/>	\$181.98
Rec'd June 17 under will of John A. Gale	\$2,000.00	
Interest on Gale money to Dec. 15, 1916	29.17	
	<hr/>	\$2,029.17

Lovering Fund	\$183.48	
Interest to Feb. 1st. 1917	7.40	
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		\$190.88

*Fines from Librarian	2,402.03
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CR.

Paid L. Belle Kelly, cataloguing books.....	\$1.00
Mary E. Rowe, cataloguing books.....	1.00
Edwin G. Kelley, Librarian. . .	50.00
Exeter and Hampton Electric Co., lights.....	12.00
Joseph W. Locke, wood.....	1.90
Edward Hayford and Son, lettering sign.....	6.00
Irving M. Heath, printing cards and labels.....	6.20
Repairs.....	7.10
John M. T. Currier, oil.....	.55
Trustee's expense to Boston to receive legacy of John A Gale	6.00
Wilder and Son, supplies.....	.60
Mitchell and Co., books.....	83.35
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	\$175.70
Bal. on hand, Feb. 15, 1917.....	<hr/>
	\$2,226.33

*No fines were received from Librarian by Trustees.

According to the terms of the will of the late John A. Gale, formerly of Newton, N. H., formerly of Haverhill, Mass., formerly of Brookline, Mass., we wish to quote you a copy of the second paragraph of his will:

SECOND: "To pay over to the Trustees of the library located at Newton in the State of New Hampshire, the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars, to be used by said trustees in any manner they may see fit for the benefit of said library. This legacy, however I give strictly upon the condition that the trustees of said library shall name it, "The Gale Library" in memory of my father Jacob H. Gale and my mother, Harriet H. Gale."

Codical to my last will and testament: "I give to the trustees of the library located in Newton, New Hampshire, the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars in addition to the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars already given by me in this my will. This amount is given upon the same terms and conditions as expressed in paragraph numbered two in this my will."

JOHN F. GERMUNDSON,
JOHN G. ROWE,
JOHN M. T. CURRIER,

Trustees.

Newton, N. H., Feb. 15th, 1917

We have this day examined the accounts of the trustees of the Gale Library for the year ending Feb. 15th, 1917; and find the same correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers for all disbursements.

JOHN M. T. CURRIER,
CLARENCE E. STAFFORD,

Auditors.

FICTION

McFee 39-1-F—Casnals of the Sea.
Lon 30-1-F—The Log of the Snark.
Wri 39-7-F—When a Man's a Man.

Pip 19-1-F—Sylvia's Experiment
 The 23-1-F—Lumber Jack Bob.
 Far 1-3-F—Beltame the Smith.
 Kerr. 19-1-F—Love at Large.
 Bur. 44-15-F—Instead of the Thorn.
 Bon 27-4-F—Lure of the Dim Trail.
 Bon 27-5-F—The Prairie Knight.
 Chas 49-1-F—Girl from the Big Horn Country.
 Gre 22-5-F.—Wildfire
 Opp. 4-14-F—The Kingdom of the Blind.
 Nov 5-1-F—Saturday's Child.
 Coms 26-3-F—The Place Beyond the Winds.
 Scott 5-3-F—Partners of the Night.
 Bon 27-6-F—The Long Shadow.
 De Cue 28-1-F—Where the Path Breaks.
 Kel 20-1-F—Kildares of Storm.
 Dod 29-1-F—Bonnie May.
 Bon 27-7-F—The Range Dwellers.
 Llo 31-1-F—Tom Anderson, Dare-Devil.
 Fog 21-1-F—The Saint.
 Pip 19-2-F—Sylvia of the Hill Top.
 Well 40-1-F—Mr. Brittling Sees it Through.
 Rob 26-1-F—The Quest of the Quaint.
 Bon 54-1-F—The Emigrant Trail.
 No-na-1-OF—My Unknown Chum.
 Bow 27-8-F—The Lonesome Trail.
 Mun 41-1-F—King of the Rhyber Rifles.
 Mar 42-1-F—Frances of the Ranges.
 Kell 21-1-F—The Hidden Spring.
 Alt 16-1-F—The Sword of Antietam.
 Sp 22-3-F—Nan of Music Mountain.
 Dell 27-2-F—The Rocks of Valprie.

JUVENILE

Gin 9--2F—Beth Ann Really for Truly.
 Gin 9-1-J—Beth Ann Herself.

Ja 1-4-J—Blue Bonnet Keeps House.
 Whe 16-1-J—Boy with U. S. Mail.
 Gar 9-2-J—Ross Grant Gold Hunter.
 Gar 9-1-J—Ross Grant Tenderfoot.
 Pat 3-3-J—Captain of the Nine.
 Pat 3-4-J—Behind the Line.
 Pat 3-5-J—Freshman.
 Bon 17-1-J—On the Battle Front of Engineering.
 Pov. 9-6-J—Just David.
 Sand 19-2-J—Camp Fire Girls at Hillside.
 Bro 20-1—The Three Gays.

RELIGION

Beg 10-1-R—The Proof of God.
 Chin 13-1-R—Fifty Years in Church of Rome.

TRAVELS AND EXPLORATIONS

Mit 17-1-T—Round the Wonderful World.
 Fra 34-1-T—Tramping Through Mexico
 Ba 1-2-T—Ramble Around Old Boston.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE

The Boy Mechani—2 Volumes
 Fos 1-1-R—Something to do Girls
 Fos 1-1-R—Something to do Boys

NATURAL HISTORY

St 1-1-H—Marvels of Insect Life.

JUVENILE

Bro 20-2-J—The Three Gays at Merrytown.
 Pat 3-6-J—Clif Stirling; Stroke of the Crew.
 Sp 12-5-J—Boarding Schools with the Tucker Twins.

Sp 12-6-J—Vacation with the Tucker Twins.
 Pe 5-15-J—Dorothy Dale's Strange Discovery.
 Mar 16-1-J—Wyns Camping Days.
 Cur 13-1-J—A Little Maid of Bunker Hill.
 Mil 17-1-J—Boys Book of Hunting and Fishing.
 Mal 18-1-J—Nobody's Boy.
 Sand 19-3-J—Camp Fire Girls at Pine Tree Camp.
 Sand 19-4-J—Camp Fire Girls at Top of the World.
 Gre 1-1—Text book of Cooking.
 Sha 1-1—Charm of the Antique.

FICTION

Coms 26-4-F—Janet of the Dunes.
 Kin 6-3-F—The Sied of the Angels.
 Well 40-1-F—The Wilderness Trail Poetry.
 Fro 35-1—North of Boston.

AGRICULTURE

Ben 3-1-A—The Vegetable Garden.
 Fle 6-1-A—Soils.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

To the Citizens of Newton:

In a backward look over the school year just closed the school board has a feeling that its chief concern has been to make both ends meet, and that in its endeavor to do this it has pursued the only sensible course in handling school funds. The results are, briefly, that the board has succeeded in giving an average of 34 1-2 weeks for all schools, has retained or secured competent teachers, has met a large expense for transportation that was entirely unexpected, and has paid for an iron fire escape on the grammar school, the cost of which had to be met in great part out of funds appropriated originally for other repairs. In order to meet the extra transportation burden and at the same time give as near 36 weeks of school as possible, so that the schools might be kept up to the standard necessary if their graduates were to continue entrance to Haverhill High School, or other high schools or academies, without examination, the school board voted to defer the second payment for Haverhill High school tuition until the appropriations for 1917—were available. This was done after arrangements had been made with the Haverhill school authorities.

Reviewing the work of the year in detail, the school board submits the following:

TEACHERS:

In the spring term the board placed the salaries of the three in the three lower schools on a common level of \$12 a week and was glad to do so, in view of the very

satisfactory services they were giving and the common knowledge that teachers as a class are lamentable underpaid for the time and effort that they put into their work. The entire staff of four teachers remained with us in the spring term. Because of illness in her family, Miss Harriet C. Gardner, teacher of the grammar school, was obliged to leave us temporarily, near the close of the term, and Miss Eva B. Case of Haverhill was secured as a substitute. The latter accepted the difficult task of carrying to its conclusion the preparatory work of the ninth grade for entrance to high school or academy and training the entire school for the graduation exercises; this in addition to instruction of the seventh and eighth grades. The board considered itself fortunate in securing her so late in the season.

Miss Gardner returned at the beginning of the fall term.

In the summer Miss Marion E. Davis resigned after several year's service here and the board, believing in the employment of competent home talent when possible, engaged Miss Isabell Rowell to take her place. Reports from parents have indicated that the choice was a very acceptable one. The board was pleased to be able to retain Miss Gardner, and Miss Margaret Ingalls at the Rowe's Corner school and Miss Angelia E. Kelly at the Junction school.

Teaching of music in three of the schools was continued throughout the year, Mrs. H. J. Bartlett serving as teacher during the entire period.

TRANSPORTATION:

The school district at its 1916 meeting voted to abolish transportation of pupils from the Junction to grammar school and it cut off from the general appropriation the amount that it was estimated this service would cost. It was learned afterward that this vote was illegal—that

the power of granting or refusing transportation was vested entirely in the school board. Before this was learned, the board, in accordance with the district vote, had discontinued the service. On being informed of the illegality of the district's action, the board met and, disregarding the district vote in so far as it applied to the winter months, voted to restore transportation from the Junction for the period from Dec. 1 to April 1, but not to restore transportation from that section during the milder months. It believed this policy was reasonable, especially as children in other sections were walking as far or farther to school. Several parents, however, refused to send their children to school unless transportation was restored for the entire school year. The board, believing its course was reasonable, was obliged, because of this belief, still to refuse transportation the year around and eventually was compelled, as the law required, to prosecute these parents for restraining their children from attending school. The court took the parents' view of the matter, found the parents not guilty, and because of the court's decision that it was unreasonable for the children to walk the distance (two miles) promptly restored transportation.

The court's decision will probably stand as a precedent for the town of Newton, at any rate, as long as the present laws applying to the transportation of pupils are unchanged. Under the decision, any pupil walking two miles or more is entitled to be carried at the expense of the school district.

Under the law as it now stands, the carrying of pupils depends on the personal belief as to its reasonableness or unreasonableness of the school board. If the parents whose children are not given transportation entertain a different belief, whether real or assumed, from that of the school board, and the case goes to court, the matter

then depends on the personal belief of the court—the belief of one person against that of two or more persons on the school board (should the court's belief be contrary to that of the board.)

The board is of the opinion that this matter should not be left to the personal belief of any one person or any small group of persons but that the law should be amended to fix a definite distance over which children shall be carried or to give the entire school district power to decide what transportation shall be given. The school district has the power, by resolution and appointment of a committee to act, to seek such an amendment if it sees fit.

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES:

In the purchase of supplies the board continued its policy of buying in March the greater part of what would be needed for the year, replenishing as needed particular stocks that it was found were being used more than others.

The rapid rise in the cost of paper led to request to teachers to be careful of the supply. Early in December, when it was found prices were still rising (in some cases to 100 per cent. over March prices) the board secured credit until March 15, 1917, of its supply house and purchased a full supply of paper and other materials for the year 1917-1918. The bill, dated March 15, was sent at the time of purchase. It amounts to \$135.82 and the amount is included in the fund estimated to be needed for books and supplies

REPAIRS:

The school district expressed the desire that the board build a fire escape on the grammar school building and added \$75 to the repair fund it had previously voted, to cover the cost of the escape. A wooden escape probably

could have been build for \$75, but the board, believing a wooden escape entirely unsuited to the purpose for which a fire escape is designed, secured figures from some eight firms on an iron escape and awarded the contract to the firm offering the lowest estimate, C. S. Parris & Co., of Boston. The entire cost of the escape installed, with carpenter work and locks, was \$228.72.

Because of the heavy expense, the board abandoned its repair program announced at the district meeting and voted to make only the very necessary general repairs. These included an extension of the coal bin in the grammar school, and at the Junction school interior painting, repairs to the outside platform, steps, flagpole, stove and and shed.

TUITION:

The full amount of tuition permissible to be paid by law was furnished for one pupil at the Merrimac High School. For 15 pupils attending Haverhill High School the board paid for one term of tuition at \$20 each, leaving the remaining \$20 each, as already explained, to be paid out of the coming appropriations. This does not mean any extra expense to the district this year, unless it chooses to resume full payment of \$40 in advance. As a matter of fact, the board was not in arrears in the payment of tuition at the close of the fiscal year because the bill for the second term's tuition had not been presented.

FUEL:

The enlargement of the coal bin at the grammar school building will now enable the board to buy a full supply of coal at the time when it reaches its lowest price of the year.

MEDICAL INSPECTION:

The board again recommends that a fund for medical inspection be appropriated, in the interests of the children's and teachers' health. There were occasions in the past year when action by a medical inspector acting on orders from the board would have been of value in all four of the schools. Parents who on these occasions were anxious about the health and safety of their children will probably recall these times vividly enough.

ENUMERATION:

The board adopted the card index system of enumeration. By this method an accurate record may be kept of all pupils by schools and grades and facts regarding each pupil are instantly available.

GENERAL:

Unclassified expenditures were greater than usual because of expenses incurred in the transportation controversy and in the purchase of a new stove for the Rowe's Corner school, the old stove having broken in two.

Elmer E. Butler, elected chairman in March, resigned from the Board Dec. 27, near the close of his three-year term, owing to the necessity of removing to Boston because of illness in his family. The other members of the board declined to accept the resignation and retained him as a long-distance member for the remainder of his term.

The selectmen are hereby notified they may assess the following:

Tuition.....	\$760.00
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Textbooks and supplies.....	235.00
Flags and Appurtenances.....	7.00

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER E. BUTLER,
ELVIRA R. DART,
MARY E. ROWE,

School Board of Newton.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATES OF FUNDS NEEDED FOR COMING YEAR COMPARED WITH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF 1916-1917.

	Receipts 1916-1917	SPECIFIC	Expendi- Estimated Ex- tures 1916- penditures 1917 1918		Estimated funds 1917- 1918
	\$130.00	Text books and supplies	\$92.97	\$235.00	\$235.00
	720.00	Tuition	339.00	760.00	760.00
	7.00	Flags and appurtenances		7.00	7.00
	250.00	Repairs	273.02	100.00	100.00
		Medical inspection		30.00	30.00
	80.00	School Board and other officers	83.14	80.00	80.00
Totals	\$1,187.00		\$788.13	\$1,212.00	\$1,212.00
GENERAL					
Balance Feb. 16, 1916	\$237.88	Teachers (regular)	\$1,814.80	\$1,908.00	\$23.08
By law	802.50	Teachers (special)	76.00	168.00	By law
Extra school money	1,110.98	Janitors	253.90	241.20	840.00
Dog tax	146.84	Transportation			1,958.76
STATE		Pupils	545.40	785.00	Dog tax
State aid	270.00	Teachers	62.07	62.07	STATE
Literary fund	104.19	Enumeration	4.00	5.00	State Aid
		Building supplies	10.03	15.00	Literary fund
		Fuel	181.85	200.00	
		Unclassified	100.13	60.00	
Totals	\$2,672.39		\$3,048.18	\$3,322.20	\$3,322.20
Grand totals	\$3,859.39		\$3,836.31	\$4,534.20	\$4,534.20

Extra school money asked is \$847.78 more than was voted last year; of this, \$214.77 is in lessened balance on hand, \$515 is for increase in transportation cost estimate, \$72 for increase in pay of grammar teacher, \$36 for increase in pay of music teacher, \$1 for increase in pay for enumerator, and the remainder for fuel.

TUITION PAID

Roland Battles, Haverhill High, 1917.....	\$20.00
Edgar Rowe, Haverhill High, 1917.....	20.00
Ruth Currier, Haverhill High, 1918.....	20.00
Eben Emery, Haverhill High, 1918.....	20.00
Merrill Germundson, Haverhill High, 1918.....	20.00
Cecil Kimball, Haverhill High, 1918.....	20.00
Stacy Rowe, Haverhill High, 1918.....	20.00
Christine Currier, Haverhill High, 1919.....	20.00
Harold Emery, Haverhill High, 1919.....	20.00
Earl Morse, Haverhill High, 1919.....	20.00
Dorothy Wilder, Haverhill High, 1919.....	20.00
Wendell Battles, Haverhill High, 1920.....	20.00
Merton Rowe, Haverhill High, 1920.....	20.00
Minnie Hayford, Haverhill High, 1920.....	20.00
Dorothy Christopher, Haverhill High, 1920.....	20.00
Helen Page, Merrimac High, 1918.....	39.00
Total.....	<hr/> \$339.00

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD

Bal. from treasurer of 1915.....	\$237.88	
Received of Selectmen.....	3,621.51	
	<hr/>	\$3,859.39
Paid orders of School Board....		3,836.31
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Balance, Cash on hand..		\$23.08

Newton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1917.

We have this day examined the accounts of the School Board and Treasurer for the year ending Feb. 15th, 1917. and find the same correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers for all disbursements.

JOHN M. T. CURRIER,
CLARENCE E. STAFFORD,

Auditors.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS

School	No. of Term	Length in weeks	Wages per month	Whole No. Pupils	Average Membership	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Not absent or tardy	Visits by School Board	Visits by others
Grammar	1	14	\$52.00	35	27	17	18	1	2	4
	2	12	52.00	29	28	10	19	6	2	6
	3	9	52.00	27	26	10	17	1	1	3
Village	1	13	48.00	32	28	18	14	9	1	6
	2	12	48.00	34	32	20	14	7	2	30
	3	9	48.00	31	27	19	11	3	1	2
Junction	1	13	48.00	37	31	22	15	4	2	26
	2	12	48.00	35	33	24	11	8	2	40
	3	8	48.00	35	33	25	10	2	0	1
Rowe's Corner	1	14	48.00	22	20	12	10	2	3	4
	2	12	48.00	30	29	17	12	12	2	2
	3	9	48.00	31	30	16	15	2	1	0

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School district in the town of Newton qualified to vote in district affairs; You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 13th day of March 1917, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year,
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a treasurer for the coming year.
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of Schools.
8. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for repairs.
9. To see what action the District will take regarding medical inspection and the raising and appropriating of money therefor.
10. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for District and School officers

11. To transact all other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Newton this 21st day of February, 1917

ELMER E. BUTLER,
ELVIRA R. DART,
MARY E. ROWE,

School Board.

A true copy of warrant—ATTEST:

ELMER E. BUTLER,
ELVIRA R. DART,
MARY E. ROWE,

School Board.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF NEWTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1916

Date	Name of Child (if any)	Male or Female	No. of Child	Dying or Stillborn	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 24	Kenneth Leon	M	2	L	Harry B. Merrifield	Elizabeth Helen Clough	Plaistow, N. H.	Hampstead, N. H.
Feb. 26	Broncis Stava	F	5	L	Kazima Stuckus	Palronela Daukont	Russia	Russia
Feb. 14	Robert Samuel	M	6	L	William I. Durant	Elizabeth M. Burnham	N. Hampton, Canada	Haverhill, Mass.
Feb. 23	Emma Fern	F	2	L	Clarence E. Stafford	Marion E. Austin	Rutland, Vt.	Newton, N. H.
Mar. 1	Benjamin Wellsted	M	1	L	Harold D. Austin	Leah A. Pugh	Newton, N. H.	England
Apr. 9	Phillip R.	M	3	L	Charles E. Steele	Florence Robinson	Haverhill, Mass.	E. Morton, Eng.
May 12	Irving David	M	4	L	Clarence Rogers	Alice M. Tracey	Merrimac, Mass.	Haverhill, Mass.
Dec. 10	James Alfred	M	7	L	Frank Doucette	Mary Clestine	Nova Scotia	Reading, Mass.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF NEWTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1916

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age in Yrs	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	Condition	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
April 12	Newton, N. H.	Everett Owen Kelly	26	Newton, N. H.	Owen D. Kelly Ida F. Peaslee	1st	William P. Richardson E. Brookfield, Mass. Clergyman
		Florence G. Hoyt	19	Newton, N. H.	Albert W. Hoyt Gertrude M. Currier	1st	
Sept. 30	Newton, N. H.	Charles E. Austin	43	Kensington, N. H.	J. N. Austin Mary L. Brown	2nd	Bernard Christopher Newton, N. H. Clergyman
		Alice I. Rand	27	Tilton, N. H.	Albert A. Rand Stella Hooper	1st	
Oct. 14	Plaistow, N. H.	Charles A. Kenniston	29	Effingham, N. H.	Joseph C. Kenniston Jennie A. Varney	1st	Chellis Smith Plaistow, N. H. Clergyman
		Grace A. Watson	19	Hampstead, N. H.	John W. Watson Lucinda G. Weeks	1st	
Oct. 29	Newton, N. H.	Gardner B. Page	22	Haverhill, Mass.	Irving B. Page Mary E. Kimball	1st	Bernard Christopher Newton, N. H. Clergyman
		Mabel M. Rich	19	Haverhill, Mass.	Benjamin Rich Annie Caine	1st	
Dec. 7	Newton, N. H.	Everett A. Whittaker	21	Newburyport, Mass.	John J. Whittaker Laura E. Wells	1st	M. J. Hornsberger Newton, N. H. Clergyman
		Verna Weatherbee	18	Haverhill, Mass.	William Weatherbee Mary Morrill	1st	

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NEWTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1916

Date	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age		Place of Birth	Male or Female	Single, Widowed or	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Yrr.	Mos. Days					
Jan. 9	Mary F. George	75	10	Kensington, N. H.	F	W	Nathan Fellows	Sarah Lange
Mar. 6	Stella Thelma Locke	1	10	Kingston, N. H.	F	S	Augustus E. Locke	Alice Marshall
Mar. 29	Walter MacEwen	37	9	Dorchester, Mass.	M	M	James MacEwen	Anna Bliss
April 12	John K. Breshnahan	2	6	Haverhill, Mass.	M	S	Timothy Breshnahan	Marion McCaskill
April 19	Mary A. Hoyt	67	2	Newton, N. H.	F	M	Amos D. Carter	Hannah Farington
April 26	Emma J. Bartlett	67	10	East Kingston, N. H.	F	M	Thomas W. Currier	May E. Currier
April 29	Robert S. Durant		2	Newton, N. H.	M	S	William E. Durant	Elizabeth Burnham
May 2	Leonard Marshall	65	20	England	M	M	John Marshall	Edith Ford
May 4	Anstin G. Gillespie	38	2	St. John, N. B.	M	M	John Gillespie	Mary Foster
July 28	Andrew Currier	71	11	Newton, N. H.	M	M	John Gillespie	Betsy Currier
Aug. 10	Ida M. Gunnison	60	4	Newton, N. H.	F	W	Lewis J. Bartlett	Caroline J.
Oct. 14	Catherine M. Peaslee	81	11	Haverhill, Mass.	F	W	Samuel Thompson	Alice Gile
Nov. 13	David C. Prescott	81	6	Kensington, N. H.	M	M	David Prescott	Nancy Dow
Nov. 27	Fannie Blore	52	10	Newton, N. H.	F	S	Carrey J. Blore	Kanila Lockwood
Dec. 11	Mary Jane Currier	72	7	South Hampton	F	W	Stephen Currier	Betsy Hunt
Dec. 13	Sarah S. Gale	96	6	Hopkinton, N. H.	F	W	William Story	Lydia Knowlton
Dec. 18	Dorothy A. Woodman	82	3	Kingston, N. H.	F	W	Samuel C. Blaisdell	Hannah E. Webster

